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1. The cruisers observed were of one and the same type, that is apparently of the SVERDLOV Class. However, the two units following the leading cruisers were fitted only with a pole mast instead of the usual tripod mast forward of the stack abaft. 1

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2. The destroyers were big destroyers with flush deckline, arrow-shaped fore structure forward of bridge, which was a manger plate, and two tripod masts. they were of the KOTLIN type.

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3. The following order was kept when driving line ahead: three cruisers, two tankers, two factory ships and six destroyers, each group of ships being of one and the same type. 2

4. the factory ships seen in the afternoon were others than those in the morning.

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5. Hammer and sickle emblem at tankers and factory ships were definitely discerned.

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1. Comment. A drawing of the cruiser type and tanker type is attached as Annex.

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2. Comment. The formation taken up by the unit is extremely unusual. The state of training of the ships' crews in formation, especially in view of the bad weather conditions then prevailing may account for it.

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3. Comment. The alteration of course initiating the evading maneuver is also very strange. In view of the course driven an evading movement toward starboards would have been much more logical.

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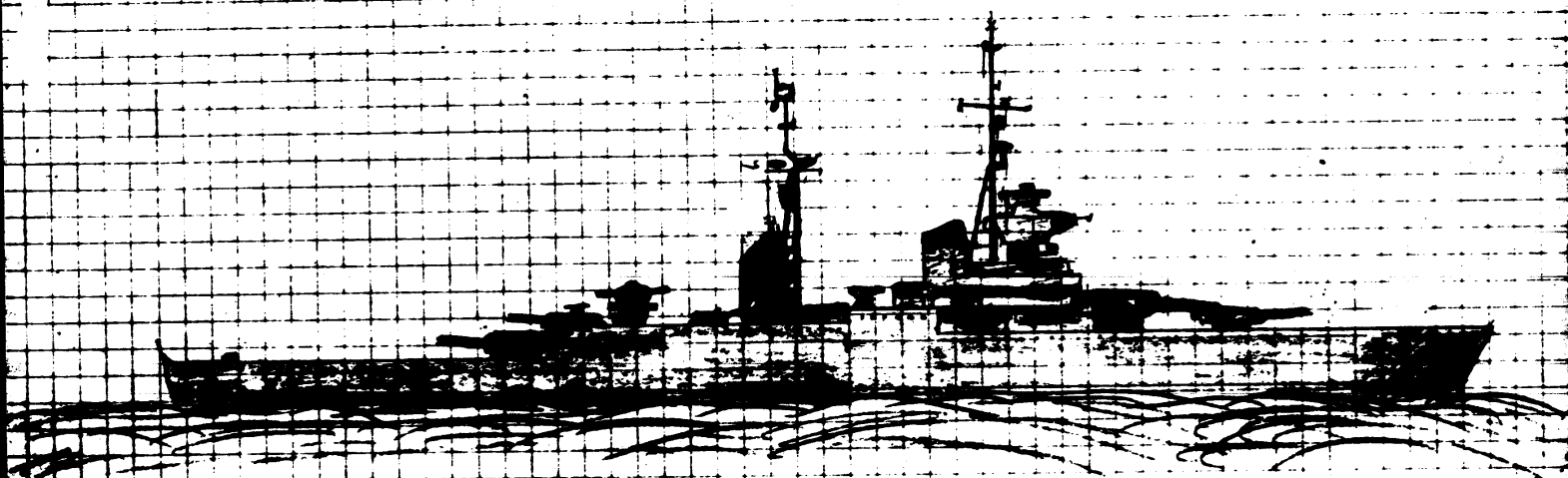

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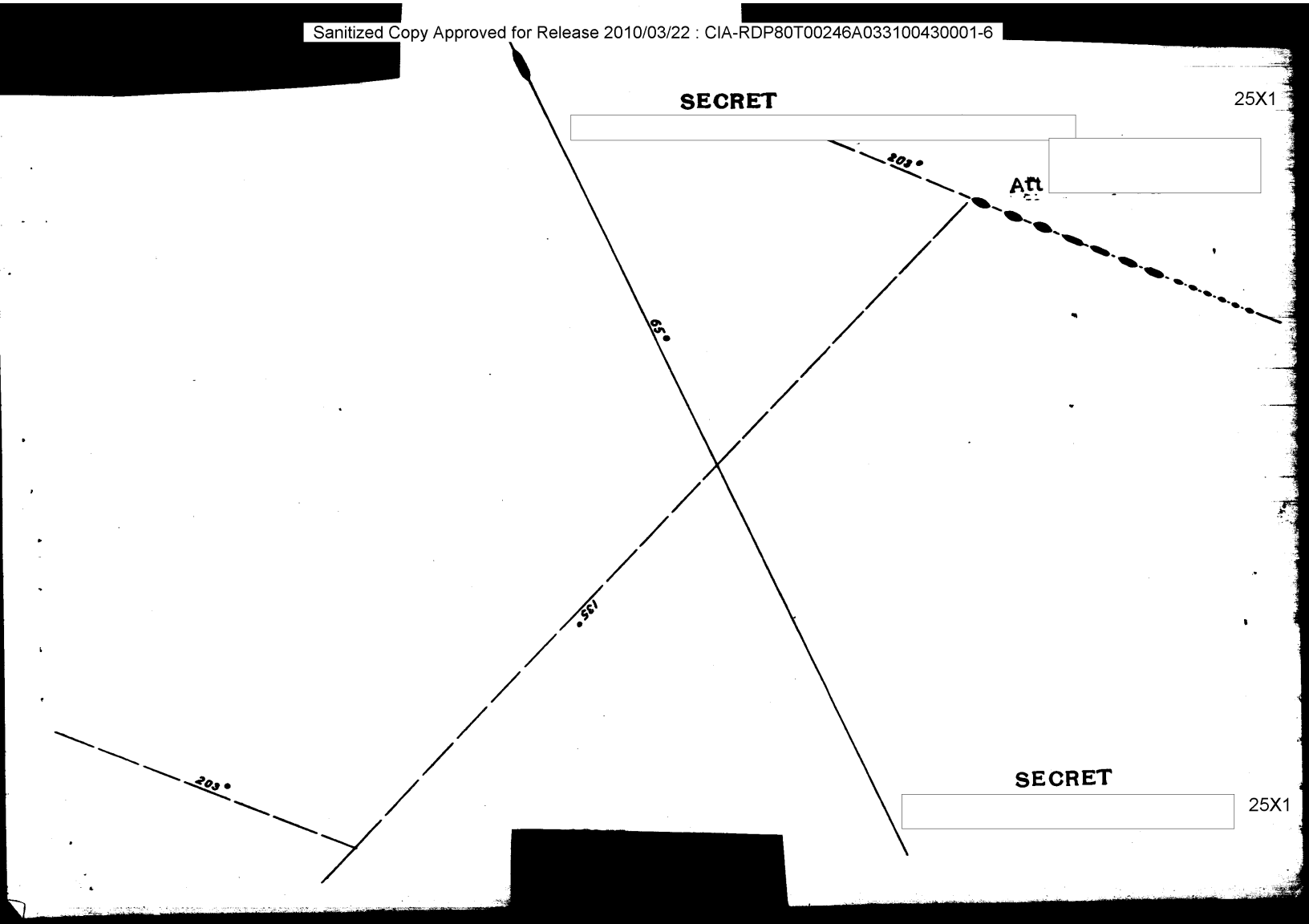

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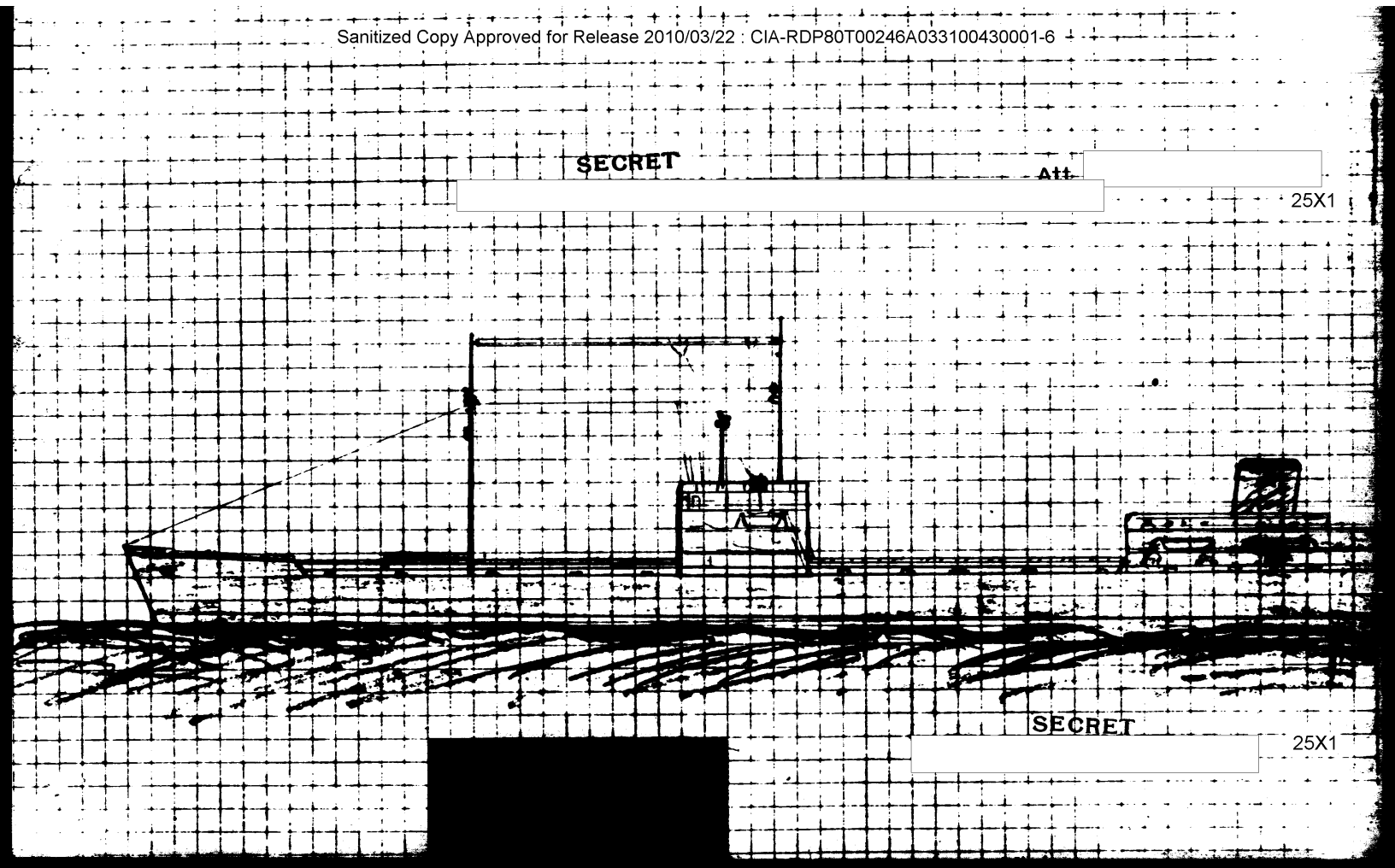

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